

February 8, 2006

Obit: Merton Johnson

- Services for Merton Johnson, 76, of Groton will be 2:00pm, Friday, February 10th at Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Groton. Rev. Elizabeth Johnson will officiate. Burial will follow at Sunset Memorial Gardens, Aberdeen under the direction of Paetznick-Garness Funeral Chapel, Groton.
- Visitation will be held at the chapel from 4-8pm on Thursday with a prayer service at 7:00pm. Visitation will continue for one hour prior to services at the church on Friday.
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Dakota. He grew up on the family farm and was baptized and confirmed at Augustana Lutheran Church, rural Claremont. Merton attended school in Riverside Township and graduated from Groton High School in 1947. On June 6, 1954, he married Ella Walter in Lemmon, SD. The couple made their home in Groton, where Merton farmed. He died February 6, 2006 at Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota.

- Merton was a member of Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Groton. He enjoyed playing games, fishing, dancing and spending time with his grandchildren.
- Grateful for having shared in his life are his wife, Ella of Groton, three sons; Loren (Holly) Johnson of Groton, Neil (Charlene) Johnson of Aberdeen, Duane Johnson of Yankton, six grandchildren; Eric and Ryan Johnson, Melissa and Darren Johnson, Matthew & Christian Hutchins, one sister; Arlys Zoellner of Manhattan, Kansas, one brother, Lyle (Mary) Johnson of Pearland, Texas.
- Preceding him in death were his parents, his daughter, Susan Hutchins, and one brother, Gary Johnson.
- Casketbearers will be Gerald Osterman, Jay Howard, James Pray, Robert Ball, Gary Guthmiller and Robert Osterman.

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